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In re application of:

Carter et al DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 09/496,695 Filed: February 2, 2000

For: SUBSTITUTED BENZOPYRAN DERIVATIVES FOR THE

TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATION

This is a decision on the petition filed September 9, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed April 13, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned June 14, 2000. A notice of abandonment was mailed on November 30, 2001.

On September 9, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney filed a complete application at the time of filing.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners did file a complete application at the time of filing.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the attorney.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 1613.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

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